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SUBJECT: Visit to Geneva of Escapees and Refugees Sub-Committee of the Senate Judiciary Committee - August 8-12, 1952

Senators Willis Smith, North Carolina, Alexander Wiley, Wisconsin, and Robert Hendrickson, New Jersey, of the Escapees and Refugees Sub-Committee of the Senate Judiciary Committee visited Geneva from August 8 to August 12, 1952. They were accompanied by their wives and the following members of the staff of the Committee:

Mr. Richard Arens  
Mr. William Arens  
Mr. Drury Blair  
Mr. Frank W. Schroeder  
Mr. William Webster.

Their program for the visit is enclosed as is a copy of the press release of the Consulate General upon their arrival.

Consul General Ward was on leave during most of the period. Consul Oakley was in charge and responsible for the arrangements. Mr. Donald C. Blaisdell, Deputy Chief of the United States Resident Delegation, made the arrangements for meetings with officials of international organizations. Vice Consul Hill was the Control Officer.

The Sub-Committee expressed complete satisfaction with the assistance rendered them.

*R.E. Ward, Jr.*  
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American Consul General

## Enclosures:

Program  
Press Release

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PROGRAM  
ESCAPEES AND REFUGEES SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE  
SWITZERLAND, AUGUST 8 TO 12, 1952

Friday, August 8

- 8:08 Arrival Geneva by train from Paris
- 8:40 Breakfast at Hotel des Bergues
- 10:00 Visit to International Committee of the Red Cross
- 11:00 Visit to Mr. Hugh Gibson, Director, PICMME
- 12:30 Lunch by Mr. Donald C. Blaisdell, U.S. Representative for International Organization Affairs, at Perle du Lac Restaurant
- 3:00 Visit to Dr. C.J. Van Heuven Goedhart, U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees
- 6:00 Reception by Mr. Hugh Gibson, Director, PICMME, at Hotel des Bergues  
Dinner (open)

Saturday, August 9

- 10:00 Visit to Mr. David Morse, Director General, International Labor Organization
- 11:00 Visit to Dr. H.S. Gear, Acting Director General, World Health Organization; and to Dr. Pierre Dorolle, Deputy Director General
- 12:30 Lunch (open)
- 2:30 Consultation at U.S. Government Offices:
  - Mr. Edgar H. Chandler, Director, Field Operations, World Council of Churches
  - Dr. Stuart W. Herman, Director, Service to Refugees, National Lutheran Council
  - Mr. R.C. Baetz, Lutheran World Federation (Assistant to Dr. Herman)
  - Mr. Harold Trobe, Deputy International Director, International Social Services
  - Mr. Moses Beckelman, Director General, American Joint Distribution Committee
  - Mr. James Rice, Geneva Representative, American Joint Distribution Committee
  - Mr. Florian Piskorski, European Representative, American Polish War Relief
  - Dr. T. Stark, Secretary, European Representative, American Polish War Relief
  - Miss A. de Jaeger, International Rescue Committee
  - Dr. Tracy Strong, General Secretary, World's Alliance of YMCA
  - Mr. W.S. Kilpatrick, Swiss Representative in Germany, Austria and Trieste, World's Alliance of YMCA(The above are agencies represented on the Standing Conference of Voluntary Agencies which has no officers in Geneva)- Mr. Georges Wilson, Under Secretary General, League of Red Cross Societies
- Mr. Jacques Montant, Assistant Director, Bureau of Organization, League of Red Cross Societies

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5:30 Cocktails at home of Consul and Mrs. R. Kenneth Oakley  
7:30 Buffet Supper by Dr. C.J. Van Heuven Goedhart, U.N. High  
Commissioner for Refugees

Sunday, August 10

10:00 Depart by Consulate General auto to Caux (Senators Smith and  
and Hendrickson and their wives remained in Geneva).

Monday, August 11

In Caux (Senators Smith and Hendrickson and their wives made a five hour  
visit to Caux).

Tuesday, August 12

1:00 Leave Caux for Geneva by auto  
4:25 Leave Geneva for Rome by plane